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Regarding applicant's argument that the decorative layer of Chen is not a sheet, the decorative layer of Drees et al. is. Chen is used to show it is known to emboss a pattern on the core which creates a 3D pattern which would be aligned with a printed pattern to form a three dimensional pattern. Chen is forming the same type of article as Drees et al., namely a decorative laminate, and one in the art would appreciate that the patterning of the core of Chen could be used for the same reason in Drees et al.

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